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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ADI-DRAVIDAR WELFARE)

[G.O. Ms. No. 4/2012-Wel.(SCW), dated 12th April 2012]

ORDER

Whereas Government of Puducherry gives importance to the development of the scheduled caste population and for this purpose various schemes have been formulated and implemented. No eligible scheduled caste student should be prevented from pursuing higher education in professional courses on grounds only of financial constraint. Therefore, a proposal to implement a new scheme called "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Financial Assistance to Scheduled Caste Students Studying in the Professional Colleges" covering scheduled caste students

of the Union territory of Puducherry who are sponsored through CENTAC from the academic year 2012-13 and also those who have been admitted in professional courses on their own merit other than through CENTAC in Central/State/Union Territory Government run institutions/colleges has been under the active consideration of the Government for quite some time.

2. Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to make the rules appended to this Government order for the purpose of implementing the above-mentioned scheme in the Union Territory.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* its U.O.No.12655/FD/F5/A2, dated 13-3-2012.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

G. THEVA NEETHI DHAS,
Secretary to Government (Welfare).

RULES FOR THE GRANT OF DR. AMBEDKAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS STUDYING IN PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Grant of Financial Assistance to Scheduled Caste Students Studying in Professional Colleges, Rules, 2012.

(2) This shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2012-13.

2. *Objective of the scheme.*— The object of the scheme is to grant financial assistance to scheduled caste students who have been sponsored by the CENTAC for admission and undergoing professional courses in Government/Government recognised private colleges and also those scheduled caste students who have been admitted in professional courses run by institutions/colleges of Central/State/Union Territory Government on their own merit with a view to mitigate their financial hardship in pursuing their higher studies.

3. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(i) “CENTAC” means Centralised Admission Committee, constituted by Government of Puducherry.

(ii) “Department” means the Department for Adi-Dravidar Welfare, Puducherry.

(iii) “Secretary” means Secretary to Government of Puducherry in-charge of the subject of Adi-Dravidar Welfare.

(iv) “Director” means the Director of Adi-Dravidar Welfare, Puducherry.

(v) “Government” means the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution.

(vi) “Scheduled Castes” means the castes specified in the Constitution (Puducherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964 as amended from time to time.

(vii) “Fees” means tuition fee, examination fee, term fee, lab. fees, payable to the institutions or whatever fixed by the “Fee Committee” and such other fee as decided by Government from time to time except donation/capitation fees and the fees of like nature.

(viii) “Professional Course” means a regular academic study leading to the award of undergraduate degree in Medicine/Engineering/Dental/Veterinary/B.Pharm./B.P.T./B.Sc. (Nursing)/B.Sc.(M.L.T.)/Agriculture/Teacher Education/Law or Postgraduate degree in Business Administration/Computer Application or any other course notified by Government from time to time.

4. *Conditions of eligibility*— (i) Should be a student belonging to scheduled caste as defined in clause 3 (vi) of these rules.

(ii) The scheduled caste students who have passed in Higher Secondary Examination/equivalent and studying in professional courses in Government/Government recognised private colleges duly sponsored by CENTAC or got admitted directly in Central/State/Union Territory Government run institutions/colleges on their own merits are eligible for the financial assistance.

(iii) The students getting financial assistance under any other scholarship/stipend scheme of any other Department of this Administration is not eligible to get assistance under this rule.

(iv) The scheduled caste students who are admitted to professional courses through CENTAC or directly in Central/State/Union Territory Government run institutions/colleges on their own merit including in II year through lateral entry are also eligible for grant of financial assistance under this scheme.

(v) Financial assistance will not be extended during the internship training period to medical students.

(vi) Students undergoing a part-time course or a course in an unrecognised institution/college or through correspondence/distance mode or in off campus study centre of Indian University/Foreign University are not eligible to avail the assistance under the scheme.

5. *Means test.*— All scheduled caste students who are pursuing professional courses and fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the rule 4 are eligible to get financial assistance irrespective of their parental income. The financial assistance once awarded can be renewed every year till the completion of the course for which the award has been granted subject to fulfilment of all the terms and conditions prescribed for the renewal of the award.

6. *Quantum of financial assistance.*— (i) Fees fixed by the Fee Committee; or

(ii) Actual fees as defined in rule 3 (vii) payable by the student subject to fulfilment of other rules of the scheme if not fixed by the Government.

(iii) Mess fees at the rate of ₹ 1,300 per month or the actual mess fees whichever is less and room rent at the rate of ₹ 700 per month or the actual rent whichever is less for hostellers with effect from the academic year 2012-13 or at the rate fixed by Government from time to time.

(iv) Maintenance allowance at the rate of ₹ 1,000 per month for day-scholars with effect from the academic year 2012-13 or at the rate fixed by Government from time to time.

7. *Period of financial assistance.*— (i) The period of financial assistance shall be the normal duration of the respective course and the payment shall be made only after receipt of requisition from the institution for payment of fees well in advance based on the total seats reserved for schedule caste. The amount has to be adjusted against the admitted scheduled caste students, any unutilised amount due to discontinuance shall be utilised against newly admitted students in the place of discontinued student through CENTAC. If the courses pursued by the students are under semester system, the payment will be admitted once in a semester and in all other cases once in a year on production of demand for payment of the fees. Financial assistance once awarded will be continued till the completion of the courses subject to promotion of students to the next higher class.

(ii) If an awardee shows unsatisfactory progress during the course of his studies, *viz.*, failure in the promotional examination and failure to take any supplementary examination subsequently or if he changes the course of study without the prior approval of the Director of Collegiate and Technical Education, Puducherry, the financial assistance will not be extended. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also the required conditions for continuance of the financial assistance.

(iii) If an awardee is unable to appear in the terminal University examination owing to prolonged illness which had resulted in shortage of the required attendance as per University rules, the financial assistance will be renewed for next year provided the Head of the Institution certifies that the awardee would have passed the University examination had he taken the examination and on production of a certificate from Registered Medical Practitioner that the awardee had been under treatment for a period, by which the attendance fell short.

8. *Procedure for sanction.*— The Director, Adi- Dravidar Welfare shall publish the scheme and the prescribed formats appended to these rules in the department website and also release advertisement of suitable size in one English and regional language daily, popular in each region and also through circulars along with application form to professional colleges including JIPMER functioning in this Union Territory. Based on the total seats reserved for scheduled caste candidates in each college, the duly

filled-in application shall be submitted to the Director of Adi-Dravidar Welfare through the head of the respective professional college with due recommendation along with required particulars for payment of fees as defined in rule 3 (vii). The list received from the CENTAC will be taken into account for ensuring that these students are actually selected through CENTAC. The admission given other than through CENTAC in professional courses offered by Government run colleges by the individual merit of the scheduled caste candidate will also be taken into account. Necessary sanction of the Government will be obtained by the Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department well in advance and the amount will be released to the heads of respective institution after executing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Statements of details of amount utilised and balance available shall be intimated to the department every year.

9. *Mode of disbursement.*— (1) The payment shall be made by the Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Puducherry at the beginning of the academic year to the institution concerned by crossed cheque. The following procedure shall be followed in drawing and disbursing the financial assistance.

(i) The financial assistance will be drawn by the Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Puducherry based on the seats reserved for scheduled caste students and the fees structure by way of obtaining block sanction of the Government.

(ii) The admitted beneficiaries shall submit applications in the form appended to these rules as in Annexure-I through the institution for account and audit purpose.

(iii) The financial assistance will be disbursed to the students through Heads of Institutions or through any nationalised bank.

(iv) In case of any student shifting and joining another college through counselling by CENTAC, the amount released to the first admitted college for the students shall be adjusted for the newly admitted student. No fresh sanction will be issued for such transfer cases.

(v) Discontinuance of the course by the student will lead to recovery of the entire amount released under the Revenue Recovery Act.

(2) The payment of financial assistance will start from the year of admission in the course. In case of renewal of financial assistance for the succeeding year, the financial assistance will be paid from the year following that for which the financial assistance was paid during the

previous academic year, if the course of study pursued is continuous e.g., M.B.B.S. (I Year) to M.B.B.S. (II Year), etc., on receipt of the Annual Progress Report as in Annexure-II which contain information regarding percentage of marks and with supporting document from that institution.

10. *Payment of financial assistance during leave.*— (i) The financial assistance during the leave period will be admissible only on the following grounds:

If the absence is due to illness supported by medical certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner.

(a) Full financial assistance will be granted if the absence does not exceed two months.

(b) 50% of financial assistance only will be granted if the absence exceeds two months but not beyond four months, and

(c) No financial assistance will be granted if the absence exceeds four months.

(ii) For married women students, the financial assistance will be admissible at full rate up to four and half months of absence on ground of maternity and not beyond that.

(iii) In all the above cases, the financial assistance at the rates indicated will be paid only if the Head of the Institution recommends the application and certifies that the awardee is likely to make up the deficiency in lectures and studies during the rest of the period of the course of studies.

(iv) The awardee will get the financial assistance as long as he/she is on the rolls of an institution subject to fulfilment of sub-paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) of rule 10. If on account of prolonged illness or by other valid reasons supported by the document, the awardee's name is struck off the rolls, he/she will be entitled to restoration of the financial assistance on readmission and on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

11. *Removal of doubts.*— If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

G. THEVA NEETHI DHAS,
Secretary to Government (Welfare).

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

DEPARTMENT OF ADI-DRAVIDAR WELFARE,
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

And

(.....)

Name of the Professional College in the Union territory of Puducherry.

The Department of Adi- Dravidar Welfare, Government of Puducherry is implementing a scheme entitled “Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Scheme for Grant of Financial Assistance to Scheduled Caste Students Studying in Professional Colleges” (hereinafter referred as scheme) and for the said purpose has framed and notified rules *vide* G. O. Ms. No. 4/2012/Wel. (SCW) of the Chief Secretariat (Welfare) dated 12-4-2012 (hereinafter referred as scheme rules).

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) is being entered into between the President of India represented by the Director, Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare, Government of Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as first part)..... and.....(name of the professional college in the Union territory of Puducherry) [hereinafter referred to as second part] who jointly wish to respond to specific objectives of the scheme. The first part hereby agrees to sanction scholarship to the eligible scheduled caste students scholarship as per the scheme rules and the second part agrees to collect the application from the eligible scheduled caste students forward the application to the first part after scrutiny and abide by the terms and conditions enumerated hereunder in this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. The meaning of the terms used in this MoU shall be read as defined/used in the scheme rules.

2. The first part shall release in advance at the beginning of the academic year to the second part the “fee” proportionate to the strength of scheduled caste students who will be admitted through CENTAC in the Institution/College run by the second part.

3. The second part shall not insist upon the scheduled caste students to pay the fees at the time of admission. The second part will make necessary adjustment of the payable fee in respect of scheduled caste students against the advance amount received from the first part.

4. Any advance amount lying unutilised in an academic year due to non-admission of scheduled caste students to the extent of the total seats allotted in the college/institution should be refunded by second part to first part within three months from the commencement of the academic year. Delayed remittance will entitle the first part to recover the amount in the prevailing bank interest and a penal interest of 12% per annum.

5. The details of the admitted scheduled caste students against whom advance was adjusted should be furnished by the second part to the first part within three months from the commencement of academic year.

6. Discontinuance of course by any scheduled caste student covered under the scheme should be informed by the second part immediately to the first part.

7. The second part shall execute an agreement with the admitted beneficiary scheduled caste students to effect that the entire amount paid by the first part will be refunded by the student if he discontinues the course and the second part shall recover the paid amount before issue of Transfer Certificate/Provisional Certificate/Clearance Certificate/Mark List to the discontinued scheduled caste beneficiary student. The amount so recovered shall be carried forward to the next academic year to utilise to an eligible scheduled caste student subsequently admitted by the second part through CENTAC. This agreement with the beneficiary scheduled caste student shall be valid till the completion of the course.

8. The second part shall collect the prescribed application from the beneficiary scheduled caste students and forward it to the first part after due scrutiny furnishing the required certificates.

9. If any information furnished by the second part is found to be false or incorrect at any time, the first part shall have the right to terminate the MoU with a prior notice of not exceeding fifteen days.

Matter not covered by the MoU :

With respect to all residuary matters not specifically covered by the MoU, the instructions of the Secretary to Government, Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare shall be final and binding on both the parties.

Amendments to MoU :

It shall be lawful for the first part to amend, vary, alter, modify, change, revise and redraw either in part or in full any terms and conditions of this MoU, in the interest of the students, with the mutual discussion and consent of the second part.

Prohibition of civil suits :

The second part shall undertake that he shall not resort to any civil suit or any legal action against the first part with respect to any issues connected with the performance and discharge of any obligation under this MoU without the approval of Secretary, Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare, Government of Puducherry.

Period of MoU :

This MoU is for a period till the activities mentioned in the MoU are carried out.

Authorised signatory of **DIRECTOR,**
(Name of the Professional College) Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department
Puducherry.
(For and on behalf of the President of India).

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